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Dear Co-Chair Coleman, Co-Chair Fox, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please accept this as my testimony (for public hearing held on 4/5/13) in **SUPPORT of HB 6690**, AAC Court proceedings and the protection of animals.

I vote, and this issue is important to me.

I support HB 6690 because this is a no cost way to allow much-needed advocacy for harmed animals . We know from lots of research that people who harm animals are very often people who harm people, and so it will benefit everyone to encourage law enforcement and prosecutors to take animal cruelty seriously. When we help an animal, we also help ourselves be better to each other.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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